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**2012 Kuskokwim River Salmon Fishery News Release 25
Kuskokwim River Subdistrict 1-A and Subdistrict 1-B to open for Commercial Salmon
Fishing**

This is an announcement from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Bethel for subsistence and commercial salmon fishermen in the Kuskokwim Management Area.

Subdistrict 1-A

Subdistrict 1-A within District 1 will open to commercial salmon fishing for 4 hours from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 14, 2012.

Processing capacity for this commercial fishing period is limited. Fishermen are reminded to register with Kuskokwim Seafoods (543-5700) prior to fishing.

The hours for subsistence closures adjacent to periods of commercial fishing on the Kuskokwim River are 6 hours before, during, and 3 hours after commercial fishing. Therefore, from 6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 14, subsistence salmon fishing in the Kuskokwim River will be closed from Bogus Creek downstream to a line between Oscarville and Napaskiak.

Preliminary harvest information from the August 9 commercial period in Subdistrict 1-A was 3,630 coho; 76 chum; and 10 sockeye salmon from 64 permit holders. The coho salmon harvest and catch rate was below average for that date.

Subdistrict 1-B

The Lower Section of Subdistrict 1-B, that portion of District 1 from a line between ADF&G regulatory markers located approximately 15 miles downstream of the Johnson River to the lower boundary of District 1 defined as a line from Apokak Slough to the southernmost tip of Eek Island to Popokamiut will open to commercial salmon fishing for 6 hours from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 16, 2012.

The Upper Section of Subdistrict 1-B, that portion of District 1 downstream of regulatory markers located at Bethel to ADF&G regulatory markers located approximately 15 miles downstream of Johnson River, will open to commercial salmon fishing for 4 hours from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 16, 2012.

The hours for subsistence closures adjacent to periods of commercial fishing on the Kuskokwim River are 6 hours before, during, and 3 hours after commercial fishing. Therefore, from 6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 16, subsistence salmon fishing in the Kuskokwim River will be closed from the upper end of Straight Slough downstream to the mouth, defined by a line from Apokak Slough to the southern-most tip of Eek Island to Popokamiut.

Preliminary harvest information from the August 10 commercial period in Subdistrict 1-B was 5,209 coho; 98 chum; and 7 sockeye salmon from 144 permit holders. The coho salmon harvest and catch rate was below average for that date.

Further announcements will be made from the Bethel ADF&G office, on the state web site (<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>), and local radio stations. News releases will be faxed to area villages and local fish processing companies.

For additional information concerning this news release:

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